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Michoacan areas gain low prevalence status for certain fruit flies

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Report Highlights:

The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fishery and Food (SAGARPA) published in the *Diario Oficial* (Federal Register), on June 14, 2012, an agreement designating some areas in the state of Michoacan as having a low prevalence of the fruit fly *Anastrepha*, a pest of quarantine importance.

Introduction: This report summarizes an announcement published by SAGARPA in Mexico's *Diario Oficial* on June 14, 2012, designating some areas in the state of Michoacan as "low prevalence" of the fruit fly *Anastrepha*, a pest of quarantine importance.

Disclaimer: This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

Title: Agreement declaring the following communities from the County of San Lucas in the state of Michoacan to have low prevalence of the fruit fly *Anastrepha*: Buena Vista, Cuauhtémoc, El Cuajilote, El Naranjo, La Chica, Chumbitaro, El Huizachal, El Cuerdo, Los Bancos, Rincón de San Francisco, San Jerónimo, Salguero, San Nicolás, Santa Cruz de Villa Gómez, Tacupa, Terrero Salado, Uruero and Vicente Riva Palacio.

FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary: SAGARPA published an announcement in the *Diario Oficial*, on June 14, 2012 declaring areas as "low prevalence" of fruit flies in the state of Michoacan. SAGARPA notes its decision was based on the regulation NOM-023-FITO-1995, which establishes the National Campaign against Fruit Flies, and regulation NOM-075-FITO-1997, which establishes the requirements and phytosanitary specifications for the transport of fruits that can host fruit flies. The low prevalence designation will impact about 574 hectares of mango with an estimated production of 3,400 tons and a commercial value of US\$637,037. The state of Michoacan is one of the principal exporters of mangos. The low prevalence declaration is likely to make it easier for growers in the listed communities to participate in the requisite workplan for exporting mangos to the United States.

The communities that benefit from this status are: Buena Vista, Cuauhtémoc, El Cuajilote, El Naranjo, La Chica, Chumbitaro, El Huizachal, El Cuerdo, Los Bancos, Rincón de San Francisco, San Jerónimo, Salguero, San Nicolás, Santa Cruz de Villa Gómez, Tacupa, Terrero Salado, Uruero and Vicente Riva Palacio from the County of San Lucas in the State of Michoacan.

Important Dates

1. Publication Date: July 14, 2012. **2. Effective Date:** July 15, 2012

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